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Cal Poly Alumnus Selected for the Latest NASA Astronaut Group

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly engineering alumnus and U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Victor Glover is one of eight people named to NASA's 21st astronaut candidate class.



Glover and seven others were selected from a pool of more than 6,100 applicants. According to NASA, the new group of potential astronauts will help the agency push the boundaries of exploration, including the first human missions to an asteroid and to Mars.

From Pomona, Calif., and Prosper, Texas, Glover (B.S., General Engineering, 1999) is an F/A-18 pilot and graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School. He also holds degrees from Air University and Naval Postgraduate School. He was winged as a Naval Aviator in 2001 and served two years deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying 24 combat missions.

Glover's awards and decorations include the Navy Achievement Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Air Force Test Pilot School's Ellsion Onizuka "Prop Wash" Award; and the Shades of Blue Ed Dwight, Jr. Achievement Award. He is now serving as a Navy Legislative Fellow in the U.S. Congress.

When he completes his training, Glover will become the fourth Cal Poly alumnus to serve as an astronaut. The others include: Robert L. "Hoot" Gibson (Captain, USN, Ret.) (B.S., Aerospace Engineering, 1969), a four-time commander on the space shuttle and recent inductee in the National Aviation Hall of Fame; Greg Chamitoff (B.S., Electrical Engineering, 1984), and Frederick "Rick" Sturckow (Colonel, USMC, Ret.) (B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1984).

Glover begins his two-year astronaut training at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston in August.

For more information on the 2013 NASA Astronaut Group 21, see <http://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/2013astroclass.html>.

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